LPG Stations in Bangalore

286. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG filling stations functioning in Bangalore at present;

(b) whether Government are aware that autorickshaw owners in Bangalore are being put to hardship due to inadequate number of LPG filling stations; and

(c) the number of new LPG filling stations which are proposed to be opened in Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have set up 10 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDs) in Bangalore at various existing Retail Outlets.

(b) and (c) Auto LPG dispensing Stations are set up by OMCs in various cities keeping in view their commercial viability as well as availability of suitable sites for the purpose. OMCs have planned to set up 20 more ALDs in Bangalore in order to make available auto LPG for vehicles in Bangalore subject to availability of sites, and 'statutory' and local clearances. Further, private companies are also free to set up ALDs in various cities on commercial considerations.

Supply of Gas through pipeline

287. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to supply Natural Gas through pipeline for domestic cooking purposes;

(b) if so, the quantum of gas produced and supplied during the last three years together with the details of areas covered under the programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the target set for providing gas through pipeline has not been achieved in a number of areas, particularly in Delhi; and